

Duck Farm Concept Plan

Community Visioning Workshop, Meeting #1

Saturday, April 8, 2006; 8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

About the Duck Farm

The Duck Farm is located along the east side of the San Gabriel River along the 605 freeway just north of where the River meets San Jose Creek — roughly between the cities of La Puente and El Monte. This 57-acre site, with two miles of water edge along the San Gabriel River, was operated as a duck farm for more than 50 years, and at one time was the only farm of its kind in the country.

The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA), a joint powers authority between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, purchased the Duck Farm property in 2004 to transform the site into a park, as well as provide other benefits like restoring the natural habitat and improving water quality. This park will also provide much needed recreation and open space in this highly urbanized portion of the San Gabriel Valley.



The future Duck Farm park is the first project underway as part of the San Gabriel River Master Plan that was completed in 2004, and an important part of the “Emerald Necklace” of existing and planned parks in the San Gabriel Valley.

About the Duck Farm Site Concept Plan

Today’s workshop initiates the Duck Farm Site Concept Plan which will be developed with input and ideas from you, the community. The Concept Plan will define the basic park needs, placement of proposed features, projected costs, design standards and other technical criteria needed to design a park. This information will be used to guide the development of the site so that it reflects the needs of the community and the region. Some of the following features will be considered as part of the planning effort:

- Trails and areas for bird watching and relaxation
- Ponds for groundwater recharge that can improve water quality and supply
- Exhibits and displays about area plants and animals
- Restored native vegetation and habitat for wildlife
- Connections to other open space areas along the San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo

In this planning process, three alternative concept plans will be created. The final step in the process will result in the selection of a final Site Concept Plan that complies with all environmental laws.

Next Steps

Your participation in this planning process is important! In addition to today’s visioning workshop, there will be two additional meetings, tentatively scheduled for June and September 2006, for you to provide further input as the Duck Farm Site Concept Plan is developed. We encourage you to stay involved throughout this process — and, please spread the word to your friends and neighbors so we can hear from them too.

Welcome to this first of three public workshops to begin planning a park at the Duck Farm. This future park at the old Duck Farm site is now in its preliminary stage — and we want your help in translating your vision for the site into the reality of a new park for the community to enjoy. An important first step is your attendance at this community workshop.

Agenda for Today

Today, we will introduce you to the Duck Farm, including a tour of the site, and then hear from you in detail about your values and vision for the park. Here’s our workshop format:

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| 8:30-9:15 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check-in/Open house• Sign-in, and join the project team in an informal conversation about the project |
| 9:00-9:15 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Duck Farm Planning project and the project team• Team members include the Watershed Conservation Authority and design firm EDAW |
| 9:15-10:45 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking tour of site• Join us in a walking tour of the Duck Farm (transportation provided to the site) |
| 10:45-11:00 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brief background presentation by design team• Kids activities begin• Take a seat for a brief background presentation about the Duck Farm |
| 11:00-11:30 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hands-on VALUES Exercise• Break out into groups for discussion on your priorities for the Duck Farm – and then vote on what you like best! |
| 11:30-11:45 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Break |
| 11:45-12:15 pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report back on VALUES Exercise• Grab some lunch and then let’s get back together to hear from each group about your priorities for the Duck Farm |
| 12:15-1:30 pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hands-on VISIONING Exercise• Break out into the same groups to discuss your vision and goals for the site |
| 1:30-2:15 pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report back on VISIONING Exercise, wrap up• Let’s get together one more time before the close to hear from each group about your vision and goals for the Duck Farm |



Duck Farm Study Area

Questions?

If you have questions or additional input, please write to:

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